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Executive Mansion, June 5, 1861.

Private.

Lieutenant General Scott,

My dear Sir:

Doubtless you begin to understand how disagreeable it is for me to do a thing arbitrarily, when it is unsatisfactory to others associated with me.

I very much wish to appoint Colonel Meigs Quarter-master General, and yet General Cameron does not quite consent. I have come to know Colonel Meigs quite well for a short acquaintance, and so far as I am capable of judging, I do not know one who combines the qualities of masculine intellect, learning and experience of the right sort, and physical power of labor and endurance, so well as he.

I know he has great confidence in you, always sustaining so far as I have observed your opinion against any differing ones.

You will lay me under one more obligation if you can and will use your influence to remove General Cameron's objections. I scarcely need tell you I have nothing personal in this, having never seen or heard of Colonel Meigs, until about the end of last March.

Your obedient servant,

A. LINCOLN.

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